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Papers of the families of Gray of Carntyne and Anstruther Gray of Kilmany.

Most of these papers consist of titles and estate papers relating to the lands of Carntyne and Shettleston in Glasgow. They are particularly important for the history of the colliery at Westmuir from the death of John Gray of Carntyne in 1796 until that of his grandson, the Rev John Hamilton Gray, in 1867, but there is material from both before, and in particular from after that period. Robert Gray (d.1833) was a resident landowner, and an enthusiastic coalmaster. Though not all the Westmuir records have survived for the period of his ownership, it is possible to gain a full picture of what took place at Carntyne. His son John Hamilton Gray became vicar of Bolsover in 1829, and from then until his death, was an absentee landlord. This resulted in an enormous amount of correspondence between Gray and the colliery manager, augmented in 1854 when John Anstruther Thomson, his son-in-law, took nominal charge of the estate. All the letters between Gray and Anstruther Thomson have been included in the business correspondence (16-40). In addition to this and to the normal accounts and sales records, there is a fine series of reports on the colliery by David Landale, the mining engineer (90).

Robert Gray was one of the Glasgow coal masters who formed a cartel between 1813 and 1817 to keep up the price of coal. All the account books from this operation are to be found in these papers (100-110), along with material relating to the Govan and Faskine collieries acquired by the cartel.

The Fife papers, relating almost entirely to the estate of Kilmany which was inherited by John Anstruther Thomson's third son, William, consist of little more than titles and some miscellaneous estate material and correspondence. William Anstruther Thomson changed his name to Anstruther Gray when he inherited Carntyne on his father's death in 1904. His private papers include letters sent home from India and Afghanistan, 1880-1, Australia, 1889-90, and South Africa, 1901-2 (148). The South African letters were prepared for publication (though never actually published), and some are only preserved in a typed transcript.

Among miscellaneous material are correspondence and papers relating to the wine trade between Bordeaux and Glasgow in the 1670s and 80s (143), letters from merchants in Maryland and North Carolina around 1700 (142), letters to the 9th Lord Sinclair, 1640, 1642 (142), and a page of poetry by Robert Hunter dated 1642 (152).

The general arrangement is as follows:

1-4. Title deeds to property in Shettleston.

1. 1589-1627.
2. 1631-88.
3. 1699-1801.
4. 1813-1905.

5. Burgess tickets, commissions, general retours etc, 1676-1779, mostly relating to the family of Gray of Carntyne.

Personal deeds of the Rev John Hamilton Gray, including his admission to the Faculty of Advocates, 1824, and his will and related papers, 1865-87. Marriage Settlement papers 1891-2, and commissions, 1914, of William Anstruther Gray of Kilmany.

6. Titles to the lands of Sandyhills in the Barony, Glasgow, 1607-43.

7. Titles to property in the Drygate, Glasgow, 1518-1624.

8. Titles to property in or near the Gallowgate, Glasgow, 1587-1716.

9. Titles to miscellaneous lands near Glasgow:

Mainhill in Monklands, 1592.
Langmuir in Glasgow, 1629.
Auchinloch in Calder, 1662.
Coats in Cambuslang, 1670.
Trongate in Glasgow, 1680.
Kennyhill in the Barony, 1745, 1753.
Easthorn and Wester Dalbeath, in the Barony, 1748.
Coal of Milngavie, 1837.

10. Titles and other deeds relating to Carntyne, 1599-1928, including material relating to the Coatbridge Railway, 1867.

11. Miscellaneous agreements relating to Westmuir Coal, 1761-1783, including tacks, papers relating to accidents, and to the strikes of 1833 (with lists of the colliers involved).

12. Coal tacks and other agreements relating to coal other than that on Carntyne itself

Shettleston, 1782, 1803, 1862.
Barrowfield, 1790.
Hillhead, 1829.
Springfield, 1854, 1861.

- 13-15. Financial papers of families and individuals who had dealings with the Grays of Carntyne, including some of their own papers:
13. John Allan in Shettleston, 1706.
John Anderson, wright in Carntyne, 1704, 1708.
Matthew Bannatyne, cordiner burgess of Glasgow, 1623-9.
Depositions before the Barony Court of Calder.
 14. Robert Chapman, merchant in Glasgow, and his son, John, and grandson, Robert, both writers in Glasgow, and John Bryson, merchant in Glasgow, 1677-1799.
 15. Gray of Carntyne, 1614-1791.
Wardrop in Dalmarnock, 1681-1757.
John Wotherspoon, merchant in Glasgow, 1661.
- 16-40. Business correspondence relating to the estate of Carntyne and the running of Westmuir Colliery in particular.
16. 1769, 1791-1829.
 17. 1830-9.
 18. 1840-6.
 19. 1847-9.
 20. 1850-2.
 21. 1853.
 22. 1854.
 23. 1855.
 24. 1856-7.
 25. 1858.
 26. 1859.
 27. 1860-3.
 28. 1864.
 29. 1865.
 30. 1866.
 31. n.d., but mostly 1867.
 32. 1867-9.
 33. 1870-9.
 34. 1882-99.
 35. 1900-1.
 36. 1902.
 37. 1903.
 38. 1904, 1906-9.
 39. 1914, 1916-28
 40. 1930-5, 1945.
41. Westmuir Colliery letterbook, 1871-81.
42. Carntyne estate rentals and lists of feuars, 1782, 1820-1935, n.d.

- 43-5. Carntyne Rental Books.
- 43. 1827-33.
 - 44. 1867-78.
 - 45. 1878-92.
- 46-9. Lawyers' and factors' accounts.
- 46. 1782, 1823-9.
 - 47. 1853-73, 1900-5.
 - 48. 1924-8.
 - 49. 1928-34.
50. Carntyne factory account book, 1889-1903.
- 51-2. Carntyne estate cash books.
- 51. 1887-1901.
 - 52. 1902.
- 53-7. Account books of Robert Gray mostly relating to coal, but including material relating to farms and the quarry.
- 53. 1789.
 - 54. 1791-3.
 - 55. 1795.
 - 56. 1802-3.
 - 57. 1811.
- 58-62. Coal sales books.
- 58. 1804.
 - 59. 1805.
 - 60. 1806.
 - 61. 1808-9.
 - 62. 1810.
- 63-6. Coalworking ledgers.
- 63. 1811.
 - 64. 1811.
 - 65. 1812.
 - 66. 1815.
67. Abstracts of coal output and colliers' wages, 1849-54 (see also 80).

- 68-73. Financial books of Robert Rae, manager at Westmuir.
- 68. Bank Book with the Royal Bank of Scotland, 1856-8.
 - 69. Cashbook, 1860-4.
 - 70. Cashbook, 1862-4.
 - 71. Cashbook, 1864-6.
 - 72. Bankbook with the Union Bank, 1868-70.
 - 73. Bills receivable and payable, 1858-74.
74. Westmuir colliery journal, 1871-2.
- 75-7. Westmuir Quarry cashbooks.
- 75. 1798.
 - 76. 1831-3.
 - 77. 1831-6.
78. Account book containing accounts of rum sent by ? John Gray of Carntyne (d.1796) to James Rankin in Edinburgh, 1767-73, with some Carntyne estate accounts mostly relating to bonds and interest, 1797-1802.
79. Carntyne estate petty cash book, 1863-79.
80. Carntyne fortnightly accounts, being output and colliers' wages, 1833, odd dates in 1854-5, March-July 1856, May 1857 – April 1859, Jan 1860 – Dec 1861, Jan 1865 – Dec 1866, 22 Oct – 4 Nov 1784.
81. Miscellaneous accounts and financial memoranda of and concerning the Rev J H Gray, 1814-66, n.d.
82. Abstracts of Westmuir Colliery accounts, 1782-3, 1792-1832.
- 83-4. Westmuir colliery accounts
- 83. 1820, 1825-32, 1839, 1846-55.
 - 84. 1856, 1856-73.
85. Westmuir account book, 1859-75.
86. Westmuir notes of sales and output, 1816-71 (with gaps).
87. Inventories of writs and plenishing, 1680-1903.
88. Coal plans of Westmuir, ca. 1818-85, n.d.
89. Carntyne estate plans:
- Agricultural and feuing plans, showing crop rotation, and names of occupiers etc, ca. 1800.

- Feuing plans, late 19th cent, 1903-33, n.d., relating to the expansion of Glasgow, and to the provision of municipal services.
90. Westmuir colliery reports, mostly by David Landale, 1848, 1853-74, 1916.
- 91-2. Miscellaneous estate notes and memoranda.
91. 1743-1854.
92. 1855-1926, n.d.
- 93-9. Small accounts.
93. 1716, 1730, 1739, 1797-1821.
94. 1823-36.
95. 1837.
96. 1838-41.
97. 1848-59.
98. 1860-8.
99. 1871-9, 1898-1906, 1927-8, 1934, n.d.
- 100-10. Books relating to the cartel founded by coal masters in the Glasgow area, of whom Robert Gray (d.1833) in respect of his Westmuir Colliery was one, to keep up the price of coal, 1813-17. This includes material relating to the collieries at Govan and Faskine acquired and run by the cartel.
100. Minute book of the full cartel, 1813-17.
101. Minute book of the cartel committee, 1813-17.
102. Output record of the different collieries in the cartel, 1813-16.
103. Fortnightly output of the cartel, 1813-17.
104. Cartel cashbook, 1813-17.
105. Sederunt book of the proprietors of five ninths of Govan Colliery owned by Robert Gray and other members of the cartel, 1813-18.
106. Journal of Govan colliery, 1814-17.
107. Cash book of Govan colliery, 1814-17.
108. Cash book of Govan colliery, 1818-19.
109. Output and sales of coal and dross from Hamilton Farm colliery 1813-14, and Fullarton colliery, 1816-17.
110. Account books, papers, and correspondence relating to Faskine Colliery, bought by the Cartel in 1813, and of the Twopenny Fund which seems to have been run with it, 1815-25.
111. Papers relating to the lands of Dunmore in Stirlingshire, 1678, 1786-1821, particularly to the affairs of Thomas Jack, factor to the Earl of Dunmore.

DIARIES ETC

- 112-9. Diaries of Elizabeth Caroline Johnstone, wife of the Rev John Hamilton Gray.
- 112. 1825-9.
 - 113. 1829-34.
 - 114. 1835-6.
 - 115. 1837-8.
 - 116. 1839-41.
 - 117. 1841.
 - 118. 1855-60.
 - 119. 1860-3.
- 120-3. Common place books and notebooks of Mrs Hamilton Gray.
- 120. ca. 1816-26.
 - 121. ca. 1824-79.
 - 122. n.d.
 - 123. n.d.
- 124-6. Diaries of John Anstruther Thomson of Charleton and Carntyne.
- 124. 1875-6.
 - 125. 1880-5.
 - 126. 1893.
127. Notes on harmony, ca. 1814.
128. Col William Anstruther Gray of Carntyne, notes on big game, ca. 1900.
129. Col William Anstruther Gray, military notebook with some autobiographical memoranda, 1895.
130. Journal (incomplete) of Col John Johnstone, brother of Mrs Hamilton Gray, during the first Burmese War, 1824.

KILMANY PAPERS

- 131-7. Titles to lands in Fife.
- 131. Kilmany, 1628, 1632, 1644, 1649.
 - 132. Kilmany, 1658, 1662-3, 1665, 1686, 1699.
 - 133. Kilmany, 1709, 1720, 1728, 1736, 1740, 1769.
 - 134. Decrees of valuation of Kilmany, 1710-12.
 - 135. Waukmill of Kilmany, 1706, 1723, 1769, 1785-7.
 - 136. Waukmill of Kilmany, 1800-10, 1897.
 - 137. Booth in Anstruther, 1590.

Barony of Anstruther, 1793.

138. Correspondence relating to Fife estates, 1746, 1759, 1791-1938.
139. Fife estate accounts, 1925-53.
140. Fife estate papers and memoranda, mostly inventories of writs, ca. 1700-51, 1765, 1787, 1805, 1815, 1891, 1923-35, n.d.
141. Financial papers of:

Alexander Alison of Birkhill, 1720-40.
Arthur Forbes of Kilmany, 1648, 1662-3.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

142. Letters to John, 9th Lord Sinclair, 1640, 1642, several concerning his time as a governor to Newry; writers include Sir James Sinclair of Murkle, James Carnegie, 2nd Earl of Southesk, and George Sinclair 6th Earl of Caithness. There is also a MS entitled 'The Historical Descent of the Antient ... familie of Sinclair', compiled before 1765.
143. Correspondence and papers relating to the wine trade between Bordeaux and Glasgow, 1674-85, including the bond of copartnery of thirty two Glasgow merchants to control the import of the 1674 vintage.

FAMILY AND PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

144. Early family correspondence, 1768-1807, n.d.
Letters of and to Robert Gray of Carntyne (d.1833), 1799-1833, n.d.
145. Letters to the Rev John Hamilton Gray, 1808-34.
146. Letters to the Rev John Hamilton Gray, 1840-67, n.d.
147. Letters to John Anstruther Thomson of Charleton and Carntyne, 1867-1903. Letters to Caroline Anstruther Thomson, daughter of the Rev John Hamilton Gray, ca 1854-90.
148. Letters to Elizabeth Caroline Hamilton Gray, 1828-74, n.d., with accounts for the publication of his historical works, 1841-75.

Letters of Col William Anstruther Gray of Kilmany and Carntyne, from India, and Afghanistan, 1880-1, Australia, 1889-90, and South Africa, 1901-2.
149. Letters to Col William Anstruther Gray, 1881-1906.

150. Letters to Col William Anstruther Gray 1907-38.
151. Letters to William Anstruther Gray, Lord Kilmany, 1924, 1930, 1945, 1952-4, 1962-5, 1971, n.d.

LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

152. Poetry, 17th-20th cents, including:
- Fragment of a poem by Robert Hunter, 1642, lamenting arminianism and papistry in Scottish pulpits.
A lampoon on the Consistorial Court of Glasgow, ca 1700.
Some printed poems by Sir George Sinclair of Ulbster, 1855.
Squib against William Ross, Lord Ross, 1965.
153. Part of a treatise 'Of the writers upon the law of Scotland', 1777.
154. Antiquarian notes mostly on his own family history by the Rev John Hamilton Gray. 'Some notes on the early history of Shettleston' by the Rev J F Miller, 1917.
155. Autobiography of Mrs Hamilton Gray compiled at various times between 1833 and 1867.
156. Perpetual calendar for 1645-1812, made in Glasgow, 1743.
Col William Ansturther Gray: Parliamentary questions and answers, 1909.
Papers relating to the Scottish Horse, 1914-16.
Miscellaneous papers of Lord Kilmany, including speeches, biographical details, and notes relating to the method of electing the Conservative Party Leader, 1965. Photographs, 19th-early 20th cent.